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Thank you Mr./Madam Chair for giving me the floor

My delegations align itself with the statement made by our distinguished colleague from the European Union.

Allow me to share a few very brief remarks in my national capacity.

We see in article 6 an important provision which obligates States to criminalize crimes against humanity under their domestic law.

The Netherlands recognises that there is a general development in both national and international criminal law aimed at strengthening the legal position of victims of serious crimes. The Netherlands supports the non-applicability of statutory limitation periods in criminal proceedings, which is also reflected in our national legislation (the International Crimes Act).

The Netherlands welcomes the provision on *aut dedere aut judicare* as contained in draft article 10. We believe this contributes to the fight against impunity and welcomes the role of international courts and tribunals in that fight, which is acknowledged in this draft article.

This concludes our brief remarks for cluster 3. Thank you, Chair.